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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES SPECIFIC FOR
BACTERIAL ANTIGENS AND USES THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, from October 16, 2003, to on or January 16, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$475.00^{1/} is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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^{1/} Applicants are entitled to small entity status as evidenced by the Small Entity Status Declaration filed November 1, 1999.